



January 8, 2018

Mr. Luke Opperman
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Water Resources
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Via email

Re: Dam Safety Permits at the Anaconda Mine Site - Yerington, Nevada

Dear Mr. Opperman:

Singatse Peak Services is in receipt of your letter dated November 29, 2017 from the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) regarding Yerington Mill (NV00144) and Yerington No 2 (NV00200). NDWR states that these structures are classified as significant hazard dams given the proximity of downstream structures. However, from a practical point of view, these structures have been inactive for over 40 years and currently only retain nominal amounts of precipitation and stormwater. In the event of failure of one or both of these structures, there would be no impacts to downstream structures.

During our conversations subsequent to receipt of the NDWR letter, we discussed the ongoing remediation activities at the site that will include the structures referenced in your letter. These structures pre-date SPS's ownership of the site and are a legacy from the historical mine operations of the Anaconda Mining Company, a predecessor to the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC).

The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) currently have jurisdiction over the site. It is our understanding that ARC is working with USEPA and NDEP to prepare a remediation plan for the entire site, including the referenced historical dams. We understand that in the very near future, the NDEP Bureau of Corrective Action, will have sole regulatory authority over the site.

SPS has been in contact with NDEP regarding the dams and understands that ongoing remediation activities being performed by ARC will address the regulatory classification issues. Given the low probability of downstream impacts from the features and ARC's ongoing plans for remediation of the site being coordinated through NDEP, including the embankment structures, SPS requests an extension of time (EOT) for one year to then determine whether an emergency action plan (EAP) is necessary and to determine how such an EAP would meld into the ARC remediation supervised by NDEP.

The timeline and performance of the upcoming remediation work is not under the control of SPS, as a result additional EOTs may be requested in the future. We have attached a contact list if an emergency situation were to occur at the site.



We will keep you updated as the site remediation plan progresses. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Jeryl Gardner at NDEP.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Greg Lovato, NDEP

Jeryl Gardner, NDEP Dave Seter, EPA

Jack Omen, ARC

Attachments: Yerington/Anaconda Mine Emergency Contacts

Table 1: Emergencies and General Assistance.

**Table 2: Site Contacts** 



## For any emergency call 911 from any landline telephone

Cell phone use 775-463-6620 for the Emergency Dispatch or affiliated local numbers as listed below

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Local Departments	Address	Phone Number
Lyon County Sheriff Department	911 Harvey Way Yerington, NV 89447	775-463-6620 (Dispatch)
Yerington Police Department	30 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447	775-463-2333 or 775-463-2332
Fire - Mason Valley Fire Protection District	118 S. Main St Yerington, NV 89447	775-463-2261 (non-emergency)
Ambulance - Mason Valley Fire Protection District	118 S. Main St Yerington, NV 89447	775-463-2261 (non-emergency)
Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA)	450 Edison Way Reno, NV 89502	775-858-5700 (non-emergency)
South Lyon Medical Center	213 S. Whitacre Yerington, NV 89447	775-463-2301 (non-emergency)
Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center	1600 Medical Parkway Carson City NV 89703	775-445-8000 (non-emergency)
Utilities		
USA North 811	Dig notification	800-227-2600
Telephone - Nevada Bell and others	Repair/Service	775-333-4611
Gas - Southwest Gas	Safety Issue/ Emergencies	775-882-0193
Electric - NV Energy	Outage/ Emergencies	775-834-4100
Gas - Paiute Pipeline	400 Eagle Station Ln. Carson City, NV 89701	775-882-0148 (Emergency) 775-887-2819 (non-emergency)
Chemical		
US EPA Region 9 – Dave Seter	Region 9 San Francisco, CA	415-972-3250
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection – Jeryl Gardner	Carson City, NV	775-687-9484
Bureau of Land Management	Nevada State Office Reno, NV	775-861-6400
BLM Carson City District Office	Sierra Front Field Office	775-885-6000
CHEMTREC		800-424-9300
National Response Center		800-424-8802



## **Table: 2: Site Contacts**

Name	Title	Contact Number
Ron Hyatt	Senior Field Technician (Arcadis/ARC)	775-560-4217 (mobile)
Jack Oman	Project Manager (ARC)	714-330-1706 (mobile)
Taurus Massey	Land Manager (SPS)	775-781-8368 (mobile)